

LEROY M. BETHEA.

MARCH 27, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STALLINGS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7317.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7317) entitled "A bill to increase the pension of Leroy M. Bethea," beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass, without amendment:

The claimant was a private in Company B, First Battalion Alabama Volunteers, and served from November 10, 1847, to June 27, 1848, in the war with Mexico, and he is now receiving the pension of \$12 per month provided by the acts of January 29, 1887, and January 5, 1893, for such service.

Mr. Bethea is now old, permanently disabled by a fracture of a thigh, a sufferer from disease of the kidneys, and from other ailments, and totally unable to do any manual labor whatever. It is further shown that he is without property or income aside from his pension.

There are several precedents for the allowance of the increased pension provided by this bill to the aged, totally disabled, and dependent survivors of the war with Mexico, and in the judgment of your committee such precedents may be safely followed in the case.

The facts above stated are fully substantiated by the testimony on file at the Pension Bureau.

